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Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time to respond to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2003 for two (2) months from September 16, 2003 to Monday, November 17, 2003. A check in the amount of \$420 to cover the required fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

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